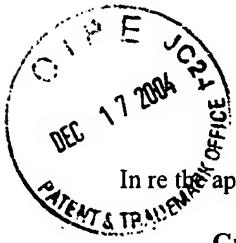


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In re the application of)
Guenter W. Brune et al.)
Serial No: 10/828,391)
Filed: April 19, 2004)
For: FLUX PLANE LOCATING IN AN)
UNDERGROUND DRILLING SYSTEM)

Examiner: Reena Aurora

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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

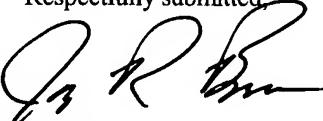
Dear Sir:

As indicated in the following copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the amendment filed on November 22, 2004 was considered Non-Compliant because some of the claim identifiers were not proper. A corrected "IN THE CLAIMS" section is attached and is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 7, 2004.

Any additional fees associated with this submission that may be due may be charged to Deposit Account 19-1685 (Order No. DCI-20C3). (A duplicate of this sheet is being submitted for fee processing purposes.)

If there are any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mike Pritzkau at 303-410-9254.

Respectfully submitted



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